

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	14520	Agenda Number	63.
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Meeting Date:	4/26/2012	Department:	Transportation
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Subject

Approve an ordinance amending City Code Section 13-2-3 to require compliance with Chapter 13 of the City Code regardless of pick-up location; adding a new subsection (B) to City Code Section 13-2-103 regarding chauffeur permit requirements; amending City Code Section 13-2-202 relating to limousine vehicle requirements; amending City Code Section 13-2-203 increasing the limousine minimum fare; and amending City Code Section 13-2-204 relating to limousine trip ticket requirements.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:

Prior Council Action:

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Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Urban Transportation Commission.

MBE / WBE:

Related Items:

Additional Backup Information

The Austin Transportation Department began working with the stakeholders within the limousine industry in March, 2011 in an effort to align the City Code with the current needs and standards of the industry. Resulting from discussions are several recommended amendments to Chapter 13-2 of the City Code pertaining to the regulation of Limousine Operating Authorities.

- §13-2-3(B) – Amendment recommends all permitted limousine Operating Authority holders maintain compliance with this Code regardless of pick up location.
- §13-2-103(B) – Recommends allowing adding additional sponsors for a period of up to six months of submitting certified criminal history and driving record to the Department.
- §13-2-202(B) – Adds additional “flagship vehicles” of which a Limousine Operating Authority can be obtained, to include extended wheelbase luxury sport utility vehicles, extended wheelbase luxury crossover vehicles, and extended wheelbase vehicles commonly known as GM “Hummer Limo”.
- §13-2-203 – Recommends increasing the current Minimum Rate of Fare from \$45.00 to \$55.00 per hour, or portion of an hour.
- §13-2-204 – Requires adding “Date of Trip” and “Company Name” on all Trip Tickets as well as allowing for the use of Electronic Trip Tickets.

The Urban Transportation Commission reviewed the proposed recommendations on March 6, 2012. The Commission voted in support of all recommendations and also encouraged staff to reach out to other stakeholders regarding concerns with increasing the Minimum Rate of Fare. Staff contacted the Austin Hotel & Lodging Association and the Austin Visitor and Convention Bureau and will continue to identify stakeholders in an effort to address all concerns.